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# Is inclusion the ticket to economic recovery? Perspectives from the “Lucky” country



We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reset the way we think about the disability sector, positioning it as central to our entire community's recovery and future prosperity,



# Australia's new National Disability Insurance Scheme

Dubbed [the “greatest nation building project on earth”](#), the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is up, operational and close to full rollout, at which point it will deliver \$22 billion in services and support to Australians each year. These funds go directly to people with disabilities and their families, who use it to access services from local providers, therapy centres and businesses.

# Some key concepts in the NDIS

Participation by People with Disabilities (and carers)

Economic

Education

Social Inclusion

Choice & Control

Participants have choice and control of the supports they receive

Goals & Aspirations

Funded supports are linked to Goals and Aspirations

Reasonable & Necessary

The NDIS will fund reasonable and necessary supports

Support Purpose

Core

Capital

Capacity



# Job Outlook

“It is expected that the NDIS will require an additional 90,000 workers over the next five years, almost doubling the current estimated workforce of 100,000. This represents one of the largest job creation opportunities in Australia’s history.”

Employment of **occupational therapists** is projected to grow 16 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations (ABS,2021)

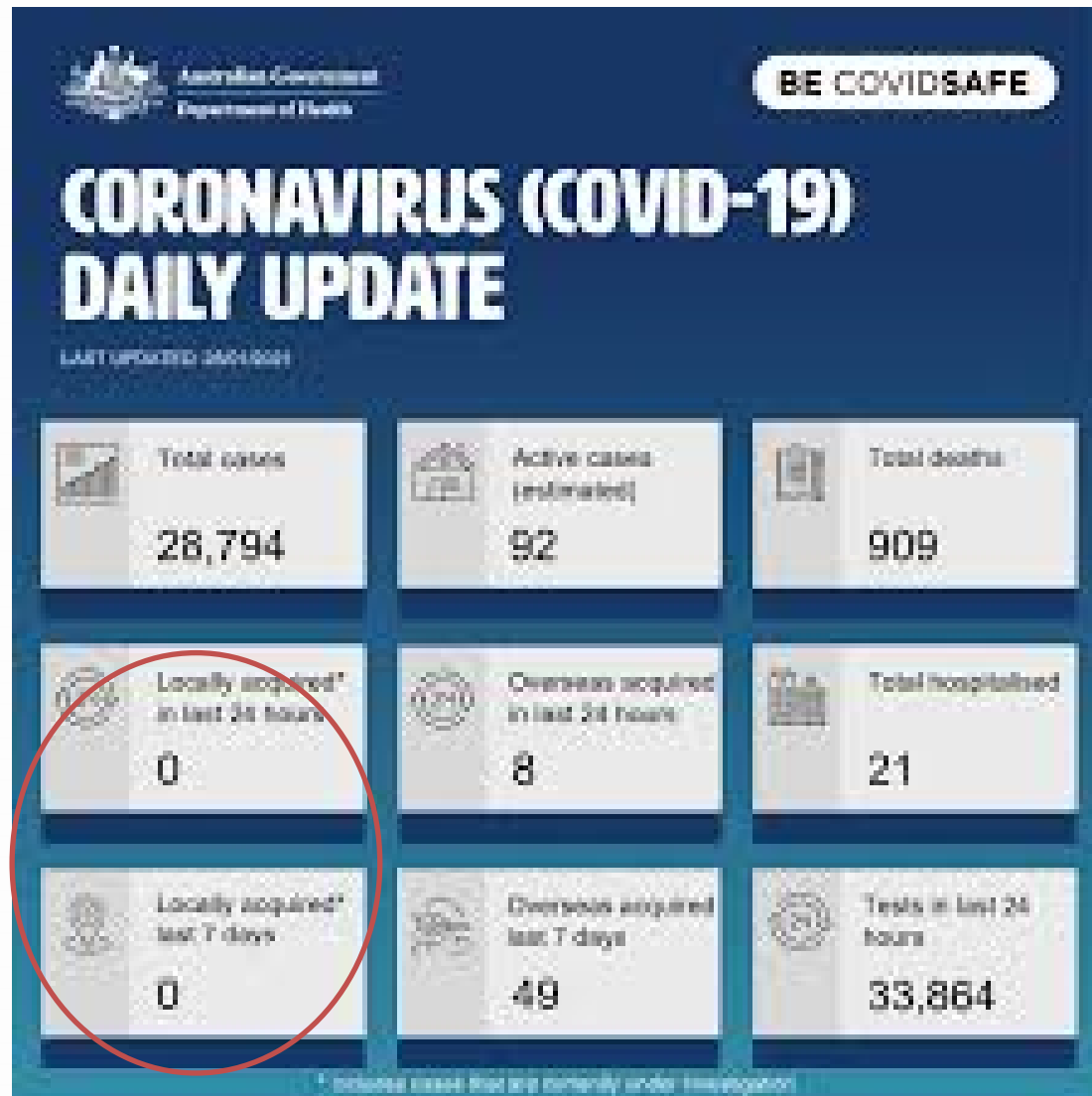




# Jobs for an inclusive society (perfect for OTs)

- Therapists
- Assistive technology specialists
- Inclusive education specialists
- Coaches
- Social service providers
- Behavioral support practitioners
- Consumer experience specialists
- Product design/finance/IT/etc. etc.

# The “Lucky Country”







We have the chance to build a society that is inclusive,  
leaves no one behind and is better for everyone.





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